

REGION 7 BEHAVIORAL HEALTH BOARD (R7BHB) MEETING MINUTES

January 15, 2021 | 11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.

Zoom Meeting | In-person Board Members Only

Board Members in Attendance (marked by an X):

Capt. Samuel Hulse, Chairman	X
Janet Goodliffe, Vice Chair	X
Michele Osmond, Secretary	
Darin Burrell	X
Melanie Richardson	Proxy Melissa Child
Shawn LaPray	Proxy Brandi Daw
Judge Michelle Mallard	X
Adam Moon	
Cheryl O'Connell	X
Teriann Ness-Parker	X
Dustin Park	X

Commissioner Bryon Reed	X
Dr. Cristina Sanchez-Jaquez	
Ashley Stallings	X
John Tanner	X
Jerilyn Taylor	
Stephanie Taylor-Silva	X
Rick Whittaker	X
Mental Health Treatment Provider	Vacant
SUD Treatment Provider	Vacant
County Commissioner	Vacant

Others in attendance: Crissy Bowers, Crista Henderson, Mallory Johnson, Jessica Lewis, Liz McDowell, Dave Peters, Geri Rackow, Mimi Taylor, Tim Thompson, and Brenda Valle

1. WELCOME, INTRODUCTIONS, AND ROLL CALL | Samuel Hulse

2. ADDITIONAL AGENDA ITEMS | Samuel Hulse

There were no additional agenda items.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES | Samuel Hulse

Cheryl O'Connell made a motion to approve the November 20, 2020 R7BHB meeting minutes. Seconded by Janet Goodliffe. Motion passed.

4. FINANCIAL REPORT | Geri Rackow

The FY21 year to date revenue is \$25,002.00 and total year-to-date expenditures are \$11,402.35. The YTD balance is \$13,599.65. With carryover dollars from previous years, the current fund balance is \$96,015.83. The financial report can be found in the R7BHB January 15, 2021 meeting materials section on Eastern Idaho Public Health's (EIPH) website: <https://eiph.idaho.gov/RBHB/bhbmeetings.html>.

5. BOARD BUSINESS | Samuel Hulse and Mimi Taylor

a. Ratify County Commissioner Seat:

Commissioner Jessica Lewis has been chosen to fill the Commissioner seat on the Board vacated by Rose Beverly.

Commissioner Reed made a motion to ratify the appointment of Commissioner Jessica Lewis. Seconded by Ashley Stallings. Motion passed.

b. Present Names for Open Board Seats:

Chairman Hulse presented candidates for the open Board seats:

- Mental Health Treatment Provider – Joshua Jackson from Answers and Tina Ricks from Tueller Counseling.
- Substance Use Disorder Treatment Provider – Chris Brayton from Brick House Recovery. Darin Burrell highly recommends Mr. Brayton for consideration of the open Board seat.

If any of the Board members have additional input, please let Chairman Hulse know.

c. Appointing Authority Re-organization/Board Seat Changes

- John Weber has resigned his position as a member of the Appointing Authority and will be replaced by Commissioner Reed. Chairman Hulse thanked Mr. Weber for his work as a member of the Appointing Authority.
- Randy Rodriguez has taken a new position as the State Hospital South Administrator but will remain on the Board and Appointing Authority. Since Randy and Michele Osmond both work at State Hospital South, there is no need for dual representation on the Board. Therefore, Michele Osmond has resigned her position on the Board.
- Tim Thompson from IDHW/DBH will replace Michele Osmond. With Michele leaving, the Secretary of the Board position will be open. Mimi Taylor will send out information regarding the Secretary duties so there can be discussion about the replacement at the February meeting.
- Todd Smith has resigned from the Board leaving a County Commissioner position open.

6. COVID-19 DISEASE AND VACCINE UPDATE | Geri Rackow

- Ms. Rackow reports a decline in cases, hospitalizations, and deaths over the last several weeks. Yesterday, the EIPH Board of Health was able to move Fremont and Lemhi Counties back to the Minimal Risk Level.
- The COVID-19 data dashboard for each county was reviewed. This information can be found on the EIPH website at www.EIPH.Idaho.gov.
- Governor Little's COVID Vaccine Advisory Committee (CVAC) has been providing him with recommendations regarding vaccine priority groups. On Tuesday, he announced he was accelerating the progression into the next priority group in Idaho. This information can also be reviewed on EIPH's website.
- EIPH has been administering vaccine since December 14 to healthcare workers and residents at long term care facilities. Healthcare workers can schedule appointments on-line.
- Priority Group 2 includes first responders, schoolteachers and staff, childcare providers, and correctional and detention facility staff. This week, vaccinations for the education sector commenced with several clinics being held throughout the region. First Responders are working with their employer to get the vaccine.
- The next priority group is people 65 years and older, other frontline essential workers, and people 16-64 with underlying health conditions. EIPH is compiling a list of people to provide them with notification once the vaccine is available for their priority group. Vaccine for people age 65 and older is slated to begin in early February.
- For additional information on COVID-19 and the vaccine, go to www.EIPH.Idaho.gov.

7. CMH Committee Report

Teriann Ness-Parker reported on the CMH Committee Meeting. Please see the CMH Committee meeting minutes on EIPH's website at <https://eiph.idaho.gov/RBHB/bhbmeetings.html>.

8. COMMUNITY REPORTS/ANNOUNCEMENTS

- Randy Rodriguez does not expect much legislation this year pertaining to Behavioral Health. He also announced that Optum has been extended to provide services until 6/30/2022.
- Chairman Hulse announced that they are working on a CIT video and modules for first responders. They hope to have this completed in the spring. This will help with training during the pandemic and also with outreach in the rural communities.
- Chairman Hulse also provided an update on the Idaho Behavioral Health Council. He participates as an Idaho Sheriffs Association Representative. Mimi Taylor will forward information on the Council when she receives it.
- Starr Sheppard provided information on the Idaho Lives Project. They will be starting support groups for survivors of suicide attempts in the spring.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

No public comment

10. ADJOURNMENT

Commissioner Reed a motion to adjourn the meeting at 12:15 p.m. Seconded by Judge Mallard. Motion passed

Signatures:


Samuel Hulse, Chair

Janet Goodliffe, Vice Chair

The next R7BHB meeting is scheduled for Friday, February 19, 2021 at 11:30 a.m. via Zoom.

Region 7 Behavioral Health Board Mission:

To improve our systems of care within Region 7 for those affected by behavioral health issues. We will do this by evaluating gaps in services, encouraging collaboration among stakeholders, ensuring monitoring of critical statistics, and developing strategic plans based on the information.